

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 9 and 10, amend claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8, and add claims 11-41 as follows:

1. (Amended) A wellbore casing, comprising:
a first tubular member; and
a second tubular member coupled to the first tubular member in an overlapping relationship;
wherein [the] an inner diameter of the first tubular member is [substantially] equal to [the] an inner diameter of the second tubular member.
2. (Amended) A wellbore casing, comprising:
a tubular member including at least one thin wall section at an end of the tubular member and a thick wall section adjacent to the thin wall section; and
a compressible annular member coupled to each thin wall section.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Amended) A wellbore casing, comprising:
a first tubular member having a first inside diameter; and
a second tubular member having a second inside diameter [substantially] equal to the first inside diameter coupled to the first tubular member in an overlapping relationship;
wherein the first and second tubular members are coupled by the process of deforming a portion of the second tubular member into contact with a portion of the first tubular member.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

one or more solid tubular members, each solid tubular member including one or more external seals;
one or more [slotted] perforated tubular members coupled to the solid tubular members; and
a shoe coupled to one of the [slotted] perforated tubular members;
wherein a portion of at least one of the solid tubular members overlap with a portion of at least one of the perforated tubular members; and
wherein the inside diameters of the non-overlapping portions of the overlapping solid and perforated tubular members are equal.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

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one or more primary solid tubulars, each primary solid tubular including one or more external annular seals;

n [slotted] perforated tubulars coupled to the primary solid tubulars;

n-1 intermediate [solid] tubulars coupled to and interleaved among the [slotted] perforated tubulars, each intermediate [solid] tubular including one or more external annular seals; and

a shoe coupled to one of the [slotted] perforated tubulars;

wherein a portion of at least one of the primary solid tubulars overlap with a portion of at least one of the perforated tubulars; and

wherein the inside diameters of the non-overlapping portions of the overlapping primary solid and perforated tubulars are equal.

9. (Canceled)

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11. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 1, wherein a portion of the first tubular member overlaps with a portion of the second tubular member; and wherein the inner

diameters of the non-overlapping portions of the first and second tubular members are equal.

12. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 1, wherein a portion of the first tubular member overlaps with a portion of the second tubular member; wherein the portion of the first tubular member that overlaps with the portion of the second tubular member comprises a thin walled portion; and wherein the portion of the first tubular member that does not overlap with the portion of the second tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.

13. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 12, wherein the thin walled portion of the first tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member.

E3 14. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 12, wherein the portion of the second tubular member that overlaps with the portion of the first tubular member comprises a thin walled portion; and wherein the portion of the second tubular member that does not overlap with the portion of the first tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.

15. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 14, wherein the thin walled portion of the second tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member.

16. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 2, wherein the compressible annular member is coupled to an exterior surface of the thin wall section of the tubular member.

17. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 2, wherein the thin wall section of the tubular member is plastically deformed.

18. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 4, wherein a portion of the first tubular member overlaps with a portion of the second tubular member; wherein the portion of the first tubular member that overlaps with the portion of the second tubular member comprises a thin walled portion; and wherein the portion of the first tubular member that

does not overlap with the portion of the second tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.

19. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 18, wherein the thin walled portion of the first tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member.

20. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 18, wherein the portion of the second tubular member that overlaps with the portion of the first tubular member comprises a thin walled portion; and wherein the portion of the second tubular member that does not overlap with the portion of the first tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.

21. (New) The wellbore casing of claim 20, wherein the thin walled portion of the second tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one solid tubular member comprises a thin walled portion; and wherein non-overlapping portion of the at least one solid tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one solid tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a thin walled portion; and wherein the non-overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a thin walled portion; and wherein the non-

overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one primary solid tubular comprises a thin walled portion; and wherein the non-overlapping portion of the at least one primary solid tubular comprises a thick walled portion.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one primary solid tubular comprises a compressible annular sealing member.

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31. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one perforated tubular comprises a compressible annular sealing member.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular comprises a thin walled portion; and wherein the non-overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular comprises a thick walled portion.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one perforated tubular comprises a compressible annular sealing member.

34. (New) A wellbore casing, comprising:
a first tubular member; and
a second tubular member coupled to the first tubular member in an overlapping relationship;
wherein a portion of the first tubular member overlaps with a portion of the second tubular member;
wherein the portion of the first tubular member that overlaps with the portion of the second tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the first tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member;
wherein the portion of the first tubular member that does not overlap with the portion of the second tubular member comprises a thick walled portion;
wherein the portion of the second tubular member that overlaps with the portion of the first tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the second tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member;
wherein the portion of the second tubular member that does not overlap with the portion of the first tubular member comprises a thick walled portion; and
wherein an inner diameter of the non-overlapping portion of the first tubular member is equal to an inner diameter of the non-overlapping portion of the second tubular member.

35. (New) A wellbore casing, comprising:
a first tubular member; and
a second tubular member coupled to the first tubular member in an overlapping relationship;
wherein a portion of the first tubular member overlaps with a portion of the second tubular member;
wherein the portion of the first tubular member that overlaps with the portion of the second tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the first tubular member comprises a

compressible annular sealing member;
wherein the portion of the first tubular member that does not overlap with the
portion of the second tubular member comprises a thick walled portion;
wherein the portion of the second tubular member that overlaps with the portion
of the first tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the second tubular member comprises a
compressible annular sealing member; and
wherein the portion of the second tubular member that does not overlap with the
portion of the first tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.

36. (New) A wellbore casing, comprising:

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a first tubular member having a first inside diameter; and
a second tubular member having a second inside diameter equal to the first
inside diameter coupled to the first tubular member in an overlapping
relationship;
wherein the first and second tubular members are coupled by the process of
deforming a portion of the second tubular member into contact with a
portion of the first tubular member;
wherein a portion of the first tubular member overlaps with a portion of the
second tubular member;
wherein the portion of the first tubular member that overlaps with the portion of
the second tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the first tubular member comprises a
compressible annular sealing member;
wherein the portion of the first tubular member that does not overlap with the
portion of the second tubular member comprises a thick walled portion;
wherein the portion of the second tubular member that overlaps with the portion
of the first tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the second tubular member comprises a
compressible annular sealing member;
wherein the portion of the second tubular member that does not overlap with the

portion of the first tubular member comprises a thick walled portion; and wherein an inner diameter of the non-overlapping portion of the first tubular member is equal to an inner diameter of the non-overlapping portion of the second tubular member.

37. (New) A wellbore casing, comprising:

a first tubular member having a first inside diameter; and

a second tubular member having a second inside diameter equal to the first inside diameter coupled to the first tubular member in an overlapping relationship;

wherein the first and second tubular members are coupled by the process of deforming a portion of the second tubular member into contact with a portion of the first tubular member;

wherein a portion of the first tubular member overlaps with a portion of the second tubular member;

wherein the portion of the first tubular member that overlaps with the portion of the second tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;

wherein the thin walled portion of the first tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member;

wherein the portion of the first tubular member that does not overlap with the portion of the second tubular member comprises a thick walled portion;

wherein the portion of the second tubular member that overlaps with the portion of the first tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;

wherein the thin walled portion of the second tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member; and

wherein the portion of the second tubular member that does not overlap with the portion of the first tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.

38. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

one or more solid tubular members, each solid tubular member including one or more external seals;

one or more perforated tubular members coupled to the solid tubular members;
and
a shoe coupled to one of the perforated tubular members;
wherein a portion of at least one of the solid tubular members overlap with a
portion of at least one of the perforated tubular members; and
wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one solid tubular member
comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one solid tubular member
comprises a compressible annular sealing member;
wherein non-overlapping portion of the at least one solid tubular member
comprises a thick walled portion;
wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member
comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one perforated tubular member
comprises a compressible annular sealing member;
wherein the non-overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular
member comprises a thick walled portion; and
wherein an inner diameter of the non-overlapping portion of the at least one solid
tubular member is equal to an inner diameter of the at least one perforated
tubular member.

39. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

one or more solid tubular members, each solid tubular member including one or
more external seals;
one or more perforated tubular members coupled to the solid tubular members;
and
a shoe coupled to one of the perforated tubular members;
wherein a portion of at least one of the solid tubular members overlap with a
portion of at least one of the perforated tubular members; and
wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one solid tubular member
comprises a thin walled portion;

wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one solid tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member;
wherein non-overlapping portion of the at least one solid tubular member comprises a thick walled portion;
wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member; and
wherein the non-overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.

40. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

one or more primary solid tubular members, each primary solid tubular member including one or more external annular seals;
n perforated tubular members coupled to the primary solid tubular members;
n-1 intermediate tubular members coupled to and interleaved among the perforated tubular members, each intermediate tubular member including one or more external annular seals; and
a shoe coupled to one of the perforated tubular members;
wherein a portion of at least one of the primary solid tubular members overlap with a portion of at least one of the perforated tubular members;
wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one primary solid tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one primary solid tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member;
wherein the non-overlapping portion of the at least one primary solid tubular member comprises a thick walled portion;
wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;
wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member;

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wherein the non-overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a thick walled portion; and
wherein an inner diameter of the non-overlapping portion of the at least one primary solid tubular member is equal to an inner diameter of the at least one perforated tubular member.

41. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

one or more primary solid tubular members, each primary solid tubular member including one or more external annular seals;

n perforated tubular members coupled to the primary solid tubular members;

n-1 intermediate tubular members coupled to and interleaved among the perforated tubular members, each intermediate tubular member including one or more external annular seals; and

a shoe coupled to one of the perforated tubular members;

wherein a portion of at least one of the primary solid tubular members overlap with a portion of at least one of the perforated tubular members;

wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one primary solid tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;

wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one primary solid tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member;

wherein the non-overlapping portion of the at least one primary solid tubular member comprises a thick walled portion;

wherein the overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a thin walled portion;

wherein the thin walled portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a compressible annular sealing member; and

wherein the non-overlapping portion of the at least one perforated tubular member comprises a thick walled portion.